# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3387
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REHABILITATION OF SAFAI KARAMCHARIS
Mehta Shri Bhubneshwar Prasad;Pathak Shri Brajesh

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government has formulated any scheme for the welfare and rehabilitation of safai karamcharis in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith funds earmarked under the said scheme;

(c) the steps taken to abolish untouchability with safai karamcharis under `Bhangi Anandolan`;

(d) whether a matter related to discrimination against safai karamcharis of Mining Sector Development Authority in Jharkhand has come to the notice of the Union Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Union Government in the matter?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a)&(b)The National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) was incorporated during 1997 for the socio-economic development of safai Karamcharis in the country. NSKFDC provides loans at low rates to the Safai Karamcharis for viable self employment projects. The authorized share capital of the Corporation is Rs. 200 crore.

(c) Article 17 of the Constitution has abolished practice of untouchability in any form and its practice is punishable under the provisions of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955. No State Government/UT has sought assistance for such Andolan during 2005-06 and 2006-0 7 under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Implementation of PCR Act and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act,1989.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.